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## UTM controversy creates disruption for SAC elections

### Election results released last Friday

BY TAMARA SULLIMAN

Once again, the Students' Administrative Council (SAC) elections made its annual round at U of T. This year, however, was no different from any previous year. Amidst the disqualifications and confusion that littered the election process, SAC directors were voted in and acclaimed into their respective positions last Friday.

Chief Returning Officer (CRO) John Hoskins released the results around 7 p.m. in Friday. He stated that voter turnout was at a record high as over 5,000 full-time students voted.

Ashley Morton won the position of next year's SAC President with 1612 votes, beating the other four presidential candidates, Michael Andraea, Justin Kim, Mark Freeman and Paul Bretscher.

John Lea will return to SAC as Vice President Operations, winning over his competitor Alexandra Artful-Dodger by almost 700 votes.

For Vice President University Affairs, Tam Howard won with 1,489 votes, beating Shawn Knights, Kevin Keane and Christopher Booth.

Julia Munk won the position of Vice President Equity and Jason

Young won the newly created position of Vice President Student Life.

Demello Ryan was acclaimed to the position of Vice President UTSC.

Mohammed Hashim, this year's University Affairs Commissioner, will return to SAC as Vice President UTM with 364 votes. His nearest competitor Jay Singh received 311 votes. Marium Bhar Azimi of the

newly formed student political party New Student Union (NSU) received 161 votes, but was disqualified from the elections last Friday.

Five directors hold seats on the SAC UTM commission. Gengiz Ali Seyhun, Moneeza Ahmed, Muhammed Shervar Khan, Ahmed Absiye and Melissa Shaw won the five seats. However, the validity of

Shaw's win remains questionable as she was involved in the situation that resulted in Azimi's disqualification. If SAC does not recognize Shaw as a SAC UTM director, Aubrey Iwaniw will become the fifth SAC UTM director.

SAC Vice President UTM candidates expressed their delight or disappointment with the election

results.

"I'm totally enthusiastic. I can't wait to take office as SAC VP UTM so I can start implementing some of the promises I've made," said an ecstatic Hashim.

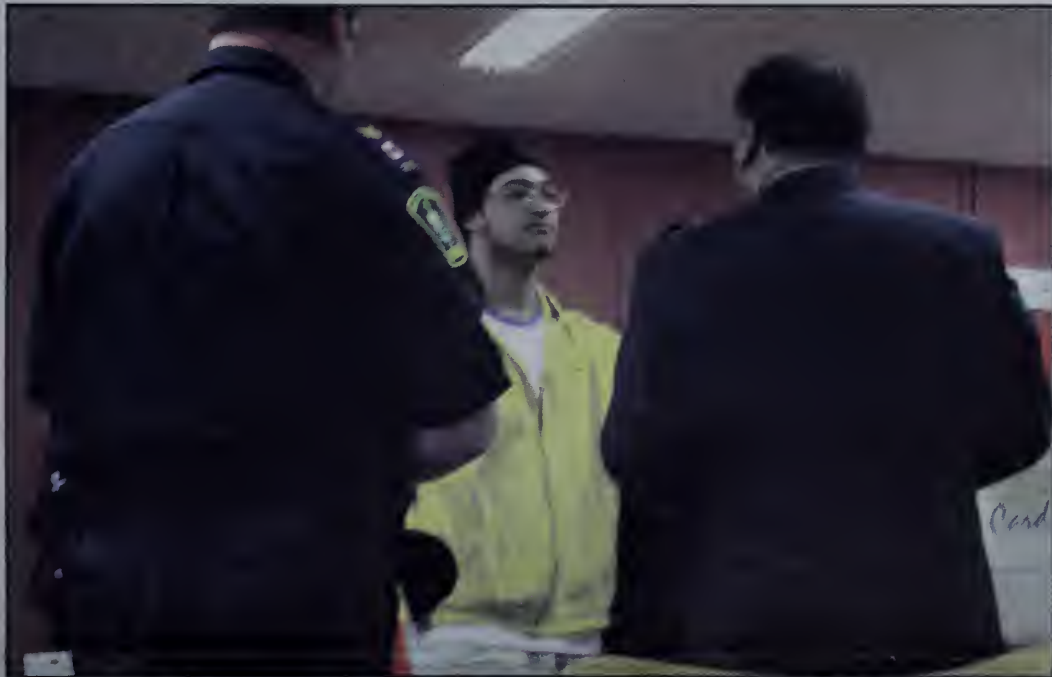
Singh however was not quite so happy. While pointing to a picture of Hashim in last week's issue of *The Medium*, he said displeasingly, "No comment, no comment. Why don't you ask this guy?"

The controversy surrounding the third SAC Vice President UTM candidate, Azimi, continues to cloud the elections.

According to Hoskins, Azimi was thrown out of the SAC elections because she was, "campaigning near a polling station." Azimi was the only candidate whose flyer was distributed near an NSU-created polling station. Founding member of NSU Mark Fahmy set up a table in front of the library in the South Building. A laptop, equipped with the internet, was placed on the table. Azimi was seated in front of the laptop, folding her campaign material with the help of other NSU members. In accordance with SAC election by-laws, the candidate must be six metres (20 feet) away from a polling station.

"I began to receive several complaints, even from a member of SAC who was not a candidate," said Hoskins.

In order for NSU to have a table



Comotion in the South Building caused by NSU representative Mark Fahmy and others created disruption in the elections, which resulted in Marium Azimi's disqualification and problems for Melissa Shaw's election as a UTM director.

photo/Mehraan Pavri

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## New location for athletics

### Lack of funding influenced revisions to original plan

BY ADRIAN BAREK

As every coach knows, if you can't win with one game plan, it's better to try a different one. Such is the attitude of the UTM Centre for Physical Education. The

Centre recently submitted a new expansion proposal to the Athletic/Wellness Planning Committee after the original plan failed to produce the desired results. On February 28, the committee unanimously approved the proposal and recommended it to U of T's Governing Council for further approval. The committee consisted of student leaders, university staff, faculty, and alumni and was created to oversee the planning and development of UTM's fitness and health facilities.

Since September of 2001, the Centre for Physical Education and the Athletic/Wellness Planning Committee has worked together to design and implement an expansion to Erindale's fitness facilities. Keeping pace with UTM plans for future growth, the expansion came about because current fitness facilities cannot support the growing student population. Taking into consideration factors such as short-term and long-term enrolment increases, student activity profiles, participation rates, comparisons with other Canadian universities, and student input, the committee drafted a proposal for a new Physical Education, Athletics, Recreation, and Wellness Centre.

This proposal was presented to the Erindale community via a campus town hall meeting held in late February 2002.

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## UTM to showcase new technology

BY SANDRA BRZEZINSKI

The University of Toronto at Mississauga has recently been selected as the testing site for the largest solid oxide fuel cell (SOFC) power plant in the world. This project is sponsored by the Ontario Power Generation (OPG), Siemens Westinghouse and the Government of Canada, and is expected to start its run in the Fall of 2003.

The solid oxide fuel cell is an alternative source of energy that converts hydrogen (like natural gas) into electrical energy and heat. No combustion occurs, so no pollutants are produced; the only waste products are water and a minimal amount of carbon dioxide. Director of Public Affairs at OPG, Dave Abbott, stated that this new kind of technology has many advantages. "Fuel cells are practically silent, because there are very few moving parts. They can produce sufficient energy and electricity to provide electricity and hot water for more than 200 homes, and they have the potential to use hydrogen produced from renewable energy sources and most importantly, fuel cells decrease the amount of pollution released, as the only emissions are water and carbon dioxide." These attributes can be compared to nitrous oxides, sulphur dioxide or soot released from our current technology.

Not only does the fuel cell contain environmental advantages, it serves as a

research interest as well. Ian Orchard, Principal of UTM and Vice-President of U of T, commented that this project "is a teaching facility as well as a test site. It offers many educational advantages, as the science and engineering students will be associated with the monitoring and activity of the fuel cell."

Maryanne Wells, Director of Public Relations, is also very excited about the project. "The fuel cell is very environmentally friendly, as it has virtually no emissions," she said. "This type of technology will be a boost to the faculty and students, particularly ones in environmental studies." Wells expressed no concerns about the SOFC being run at UTM in a demonstration to confirm that this unit will operate safely and proficiently under real-life circumstances, as predicted. "Kinectrics, the key engineering and system integrator

of the project, is currently testing it for functionality, and will install and train engineers in the operation of this device."

The reliability and productivity of the fuel cell is questionable, however. Adil Mirza, President of the Erindale College Student Union (ECSU), declared that "it is an honor for UTM to be the first site for the testing of the SOFC, but it's [the fuel cell] just a prototype. There may be problems with it at first, such as power or black outs."

If SOFC proves to be efficient and environmentally safe, it will provide a vital step in furthering the commercial production of fuel cells. Considering that the progress made at UTM is exceptional, Siemens Westinghouse would come into market with fuel cells as early as 2006, and thereby launching its efforts, with OPG, in improving the quality of the environment.



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**QUOTE OF THE WEEK**

"Absolutely. We followed the rules, we just interpret them differently."

- Student Mark Fahmy shows a liberated take on following the rules, pg. 3

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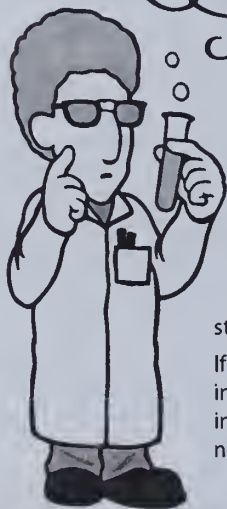
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## Sex pub raises money for charity

Jello wrestling and stripping sources of entertainment

BY ADRIAN BAREK

Last Thursday, the Blind Duck Pub hosted Sex Pub, an event put on by UTM's Sexual Education Centre (SEC). Sex Pub proved not only that sex sells, as the event drew a crowd of several hundred, but also that sex donates, as it also raised over \$1000 for Covenant House, a charity that assists homeless children.

Sex Pub's theme was sex, and the night boasted a number of events designed to offer a little bit of naughty fun to everyone in attendance. Four brave males stripped down to their jockeys in the 'Tighty-Whities' contest.

Though each of the four put on a spectacle to the delight of the crowd, only one was elected champion by audience applause. The lucky exhibitionist was awarded a blow-up doll for his superior underwear flaunting skills.

Four equally brave females were determined not to let the boys run the show. Putting together the otherwise unrelated elements of hand-to-hand combat, swimwear, and gelatin, the ladies staged a bikini-clad Jello-Wrestling tournament. Assalicious Ash, Devilish Daria, Exotic Effie, and Delicious Dana tripped, grabbed, tackled, and sloshed through six inches of Jello in hopes of winning.

Delicious Dana proved the champion when she took down Assalicious Ash with a creative leg hold in the final match. Like other popular forms of wrestling, the audience wasn't concerned with whether or not it was 'real.' The slippery combatants received loud



cheers from the crowd not only for their wrestling skills, but also for the money they helped raise for charity from audience bets on their wrestling matches.

While Sex Pub offered fun and laughs for those in attendance, the sexual theme of the event raised some concern about its appropriateness among certain members of the Erindale community.

Head Co-ordinator of SEC, Ashley Price, defended the event by saying, "I think its great to have an event where sex can be embraced and seen as something positive. Sex Pub had a very positive atmosphere, it was a lot of fun, and I think everyone enjoyed themselves."

Sex should be that way, it should always be taken seriously and prac-

ticed safely, but it should also always be enjoyed. Everyone should be comfortable with sex, themselves, and their sexuality and that is what SEC and Sex Pub promotes."

Several spectators enjoyed the evening as well. "It was great to watch the girls wrestling in bikinis, although I eat more Jello than what was used in the tub. Nothing says jello though like girls grabbing their...HELLOS!" said Jon Lee, fourth-year student.

While Tighty-Whities Contests and Jello Wrestling may not be for everyone, the knowledge that money raised from the event will help feed and house homeless children may be enough to silence even the most stubborn critics.



## Campus police reports

**March 7, 2003. 10:20am**  
**Unauthorized Vehicle:** University Police dealt with a person who's vehicle was being towed from parking lot 5. Vehicle received numerous complaints.

**March 8, 2003. 3:05am**  
**Noise Complaint:** A Phase 1 tenant was spoken to by UTM police Officer in regards to noisy gathering inside a dwelling.

**March 8, 2003. 3:45pm**  
**Broken Glass:** Fit Stop Staff reported a broken glass of the fire hose cabinet. Officer attended gym area and removed broken glass pieces.

**March 8, 2003. 9:45pm**  
**Smell of marijuana:** A UTM resident reported odor of marijuana in the area of Phase 2 courtyard. Officer attended and nothing suspicious was detected.

**March 8, 2003. 11:30pm**  
**Call for service:** University police dispatched Grounds Crew due to icy road conditions at UTM.

**March 10, 2003. 9:20am**  
**Vehicle Tow:** due to numerous parking infractions/tickets, University Police towed a vehicle from an expired parking meter at the Inner Circle Rd.

**March 11, 2003. 3:15pm**

**Trespassing/Unauthorized solicitation:** An officer asked a man to leave the South Building after he was found approaching students regarding a health spa membership.

**March 12, 2003. 9:00am**  
**Mischief under \$5000:** University Police received a report of graffiti found in the NB hallway. Matter is under investigation.

**March 12, 2003. 11:15am**  
**Causing a disturbance:** A student was disruptive towards University Police after he was asked to clear table/chairs which were blocking the main hallway of the SB. The furniture, which was borrowed without permission, was eventually removed by Caretaking staff.

**March 12, 2003. 12:01pm**  
**Natural Gas Leak:** Upon having received a report of a gas leak at the meter located on the outside wall of the SB, Campus Police blocked off the area and dispatched Enbridge Gas Company. Enbridge fixed a faulty release valve.

**March 13, 2003. 9:00pm**  
**Verbal Dispute:** University Police and Peel Regional Police spoke to two male drivers who were feuding over the unsafe driving incident which occurred near the campus. Situation was diffused and parties departed.

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## Athletics revisions waiting on approval from GC

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The proposed new facility boasted an impressive list of features including a 25 metre swimming pool, a triple gymnasium with a fourth multi-purpose gym, an indoor running track, 3 squash courts, a sports medicine clinic, cardio, strength, and weights equipment, an outdoor ice rink, and a fieldhouse. With the exception of the ice rink and fieldhouse, all components of the proposed facility would be housed in a standalone building located to the east of North Building.

The cost of building and operating the new facility has been at the forefront of the committee's work. When a combination of student and university funding fell short of the required amount, the committee turned to external sources of funds. Director of Athletics, Ken Duncliffe, explains the strategy taken by the department to raise additional funding. "We set out to look at external partners to raise the difference between what we had generated internally and the \$27 million we needed. We had quite an exhaustive review with several organizations such as the City of Mississauga and the Trillium Health Centre to see if they were interested in coming in with us."

Though many external funding scenarios were examined, Duncliffe and the committee could not come to an agreement that satisfied both the university and the outside party: "At the end of the day, their needs and our needs didn't really mesh. We initially thought their usage didn't conflict with our usage and there would be enough facilities for everyone. That didn't play out to be the case. With our increasing student population and what they would expect in return for contributing to facilities here, I felt students were not going to be well served."

Duncliffe and the committee acknowledged that relying on external funding would marginalize student access to their own facility. This, however, was not a scenario they were willing to accept. "Not being able to generate funds externally led us back to the table to examine what was possible with the money generated internally. The total funds received from students (\$16 million), UTM (\$1 million), and the U of T (\$7 million) was \$24 million, so we looked to see what \$24 million would buy us."

The \$24 million resulted in enough to fund the proposed facility, contingent upon two changes made to the original plan. Firstly, the existing UTM fitness facilities must be reused as part of the new facility. Secondly, the new facility must be built as an addition to the South Building instead of a standalone unit. Duncliffe expressed his enthusiasm with the revised proposal, "By changing sites and reusing the existing facilities in some configuration, we get 99% of what we set out to do while paying almost \$10 million less. The only thing we don't achieve is the fourth multi-purpose gym. Ideally, we'd like four gyms, however, the site allows for expansion in the future so as [when] funds become available, further expansion will be possible." Adil Mirza, Erindale College Student Union (ECSU) President, said, "I'm glad that the principles upon which the project was created have remained intact throughout this process. Ideally, all the funding we thought we would receive didn't come through, so this seemed like the most



Students can look forward to sweating in a new facility. photo/Mehraan Pavri

plausible solution."

Although the prospect of being able to offer nearly all the services outlined in the original proposal while saving millions of dollars appears destined to succeed, it will still be a few years before UTM students run, swim, and sweat in their new facility. To implement a project the size of the Athletics expansion requires extensive planning as well as formal approval from numerous governing bodies within the university. The new proposal has been unanimously approved by several committees at UTM, but Duncliffe admits that at this point, it's "still just a concept." Mirza claims that when implemented, the building "will be successful and widely used, as it is very accessible."

Though still in the works, Duncliffe is optimistic about the success of the new facility: "What the project committee is working on now is a formal report that will then go through all the stages of approval. If it does so successfully and is approved by the Governing Council downtown, that would give us the green light to hire an architect to start the formal design proposal. If that process takes up to a year, by next spring we should have the formal design done. We can then start construction and by the end of 2005 or early 2006, we'll be ready to roll."

With files from Michelle Rabba

## Azimi to appeal disqualification

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set up in the South Building, they had to have received permission from Erindale College Student Union (ECSU) Clubs Commissioner Saira Qureshi. As NSU is not a recognized ECSU club, the Political Science Students Association (PSSA) signed for them. Shaw, an NSU member, PSSA member and SAC UTM director candidate, told Qureshi that they were holding an event in the Student Centre and as such wanted to promote it in the South Building. Qureshi gave her permission and signed the form allowing NSU to have a table in the South Building.

Last Monday, Qureshi realized there was no event and told NSU to take down their table. On Wednesday, she went back and there table was still there, with the laptop and campaigning material. They told her that they were holding a rally, but Qureshi said there was no such rally taking place, only SAC campaigning.

"To be honest, I don't care if they were campaigning or voting. They were not doing what they told me they were supposed to be doing,"

said a perturbed Qureshi. She withdrew her permission.

The situation turned ugly when Dean of Student Affairs Mark Overton became involved. Fahmy refused to take down the table when Qureshi withdrew her permission and Overton was called for authorization. Manager of Police Services also got involved when he realized there was disruption.

"I was taken aback by the way [Fahmy] dealt with the Dean of Student Affairs. He was very disruptive and argumentative," said Paris.

Once Overton started to take down the table, Fahmy aggressively grabbed it from him and put down the table, while kicking it.

The NSU members then took approximately 25 chairs from the caretakers storage room and stacked them in the South building hallway, creating a makeshift table.

"It was problematic as it became obstructive. Classes were about to be let out at one of the busiest times and it became a safety hazard. Caretakers and other individuals came and removed the tables out of the hallway."

"He was very confrontational and

it appears as though he feels the rules don't apply to him," said Paris. He also said that he will recommend having Fahmy charged under Student Code of Conduct.

Fahmy complied with sequence of events but feels that the NSU members running for SAC positions did nothing wrong. "All we did was create a stationary voting booth and several mobile booths. All we wanted to do was create student voting awareness," said Fahmy.

When asked if Fahmy felt that the NSU members running for SAC positions were following the rules, he replied, "Absolutely. We followed the rules, we just interpret them differently."

NSU plans to appeal SAC's decision to disqualify Azimi. Shaw can also face disqualification as she was directly involved in the fiasco as well.

"It's the people that do play by the rules that are right for the jobs, and that's what democracy shows," said Hashim.

All SAC election results will be ratified at the next Board of Directors' meeting, which is yet to be determined.

## Misak begins position of VP academic

By SHARON MCCARTEN

On March 1 2003, Cheryl Misak began her five-year contract as the new Vice-Principal Academic at UTM.

The position of Vice Principal Academic was newly created to replace the three associate deans which formerly dealt with the discipline representatives. Doctor Misak's duties will include overseeing Erindale's restructuring, dealing with the newly-created Chairs of Departments, and managing hiring, tenure and promotions of faculty. The position, also created at the Scarborough campus, hopes to deal with the two separate faculties of Management and Arts and Science, similar to the Dean of the Faculty of Arts and Science at the St. George campus.

Doctor Misak returned to Erindale after a six-year absence. Misak was

quick to outline her goals for UTM. "It's important to make UTM as strong as possible by hiring faculty who are top in their fields—brilliant teachers who are conducting first-rate research."

Misak joined the faculty of Erindale College in 1990 as an assistant professor of philosophy. In 1997 she left the University of Toronto for a position at Queen's University, and in 2000 she returned to U of T to become the Chair of the Department of Philosophy at St. George Campus. She believes that her time spent at both UTM and at the St. George Campus gives her a unique viewpoint into the workings of the University of Toronto and how to best lead Erindale College into the future.

Ms. Misak holds a bachelor's degree from the University of Lethbridge, her Master's from Columbia University, and attained her doctorate from the

University of Oxford. She has earned a number of academic awards, including a Rhodes Scholarship, a Humboldt Research Fellow and Connaught Fellowship, and a Fellowship of the Royal Society of Canada. She has served on a number of committees which dealt with end-of-life ethics.

Most of Misak's time thus far has been spent in meetings, getting acquainted with faculty, and listening to their input. She said she has also spent a lot of time familiarizing herself with the multitude of changes on-campus since her departure six years ago.

Doctor Misak expressed satisfaction at returning to UTM. "I'm glad to be back at such a dynamic point in Erindale's history. It's not only the restructuring, but there's an excitement here in the students...I've been extremely impressed with the students I've met thus far."

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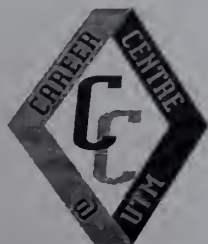
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On March 26 and March 27, full-time UTM students will vote for their 2003-2004 Erindale College Student Union representatives. Here are the candidates:

## Presidency Candidates

### Adil Mirza



As most know, I, Adil Mirza, am the current ECSU President. I am running for

re-election. Through my proven dedication to student issues, leadership and two years of involvement in student life at UTM, I believe that I am the perfect choice for ECSU President. The fallacy in student leadership is the length of one's term. Usually, it takes newcomers to the position at least 6 months to figure out the details of the position. This is my advantage. I know what to do, how to do it, and who to talk to, to ensure solutions are immediately implemented.

Some of the things I will accomplish in the coming year will be to increase club funding, decrease student apathy by

informing students of community issues, increase diversity in events across our campus, increase bursaries available to students and work with other student organizations to lobby external issues; I am currently engaged, with SAC, in negotiations with City Hall to obtain a direct bus route from Square One to UTM. Being a student leader is to fight for the rights of every student. Being a student leader is to lead by example. Being a student leader is to represent the voices of the unheard.

Respect, adspice, prospice – Look to the past, look to the present, look to the future.

### Serena Chhabra



My name is Serena Chhabra and I am running for ECSU President. For the past three years I've been an active Erindale

student on campus and around the community. Currently, I am the president of South Asian Alliance, which is an Erindale chapter of a national organization. I've also sat on a committee for a government legislated non-profit organization, and conducted workshops for students that address issues such as today's youth in society as well as gender issues in today's society.

As an active individual I have acquired to assume different roles. I am confident I can serve the students at UTM because I function well as a leader, a manager, and a collaborator and as an effective communicator. If elected ECSU President, I plan to work closely with the executive committee in order to maximize the achievements of

each position. My past experiences have allowed me to utilize limited resources efficiently and effectively to suit the needs of the organization. I've learned a great deal about group dynamics and the importance of being open minded to the opinions and ideas of others. I have become a more effective team leader over the past couple years and as a result have managed to enhance my decision making skills, and leadership qualities. As a student leader, it's my goal to ensure we provide students with opportunities for personal growth and development. I believe I have the qualifications and confidence to become the University of Toronto, Erindale Campus Student Unions' President.

## Vice President of Administration

### Carol Diab

Dedication and experience are vital qualities in any student leadership position. Extremely active on campus, I



have gained invaluable experience this year as ECSU's Services Coordinator. As VP Admin, I will unite students and leaders from the various organizations on campus (meetings, clear communication)

to work together and ensure unity and a strong voice for UTM students. I will also remain in constant contact with the Scarborough and St. George campuses to coordinate better events, share information/resources, and ensure ECSU services work to exceed already established successes. One of my top priorities will be to utilize the ECSU website to the fullest; it will be a prominent and beneficial tool to aid students in both their academic and social life on campus. Discussion forums for each of UTM's academic programs will be made available, allowing the integration the different aspects of what a university experience should provide (school

work, help from peers, make friends/network, find on-campus jobs etc.). They will also be able to sell used books online, and find out about exciting events happening at UTM/UofT. A tool for students, faculty, and staff, this will create a more efficient distribution of information on campus. I will also work with the career centre to provide more leadership workshops and training for students. The Double Cohort is also an issue that I, with the other council members, will address to ensure a smooth university experience for all age groups next year. "A posee ad esse" – From possibility to actuality

### Bobby Hundal

Hello, my name is Bobby Hundal and I'm currently in my third year of study in the B.Comm program. I hope to be elected as your ECSU Vice President of



Administration for the upcoming 2003-2004 school term. I feel that both my field of education and professional work experience will serve as a vital asset to both the university and the students. As VP of Admin, I promise to unify our campus and work towards a better university experience. Though my involvement with ECSU is limited, my commitment to the students of Erindale is not. It's time for a change, and the only way to bring about such a

change is to have new faces representing the increasingly large amount of underrepresented students at UTM. In the past, many have made outrageous promises regarding parking relief and tuition freezes, empty promises that are never followed through with. I don't intend on making such empty promises. My number one priority is to represent the student voice, a voice that has long fell upon deaf ears. The New Student Union (NSU) does just that.

## Acclamations



A my n a Mamdani, CCIT major, entering second year. There you have it in a nutshell. As your new Advertising Director on ECSU, I am pleased to introduce myself.

Over the past year, I have served voluntarily as Residence Council president, organizing and promoting events on campus exclusively for residence students. Although the position had its ups and downs, as does any organization, it has provided me with leadership and strong advertising skills that will be an asset to my position. Living on residence and serving as Residence Council president has many advantages which include being able to target residence students who live at UTM and having the contacts that will ensure that events are well publicized and marketed to the student body as a whole. I

am confident that with the double cohort, next year will be a busy one, but extremely exciting. I look forward to making the events not only more successful, but memorable for everyone at UTM – Hey, I think we deserve it!



Katherine Komos was born at a very early age. In her 20.5 years she has accomplished many great and wonderful things. As a student at UTM she has served as vice president of activities on the 2001-2002

Residence Council, been an active member of the Pub Patrol, dressed up as the 5th element, served as a voting member of the Erindale College Council, been a DJ. at Vibe Radio, and lost both a wet t-shirt and bikini contest. She has also worked as a cashier at the Blind Duck Pub, attended a Quality Service to Students meeting, entertained many with back flips, and been a

frosh leader. As you can see from this list of extraordinary accomplishments she is experienced in many aspects of student life and is a crazy, fun loving individual.

Katherine is extremely pleased to be acclaimed as your 2003-2004 Services Coordinator. She looks forward to working to the best of her abilities for the students of UTM and hopefully coordinating many great events. She realizes the need for hard working, dedicated individuals next year (what with the double cohort coming in) and will meet the challenge as best she can. When she isn't working hard at the many aspects of student life Katherine can be found pretending to be someone else on the stage, singing into the microphone at the Blind Duck's Karaoke nights, and preparing her legions of minions for battle.

Other acclamations: Imran Khan for Clubs Commissioner and Julie Mirkovic for College Affairs Commissioner. Neither submitted a blurb or picture for *The Medium*.

## Vice President Finance

### Sean O'Connell

Hello. My name is Sean O'Connell, and I am asking you, the students, to re-elect me as VP Finance. You may have seen me around campus. I have more than enough experience to serve you, the students. I have been on ECSU for the past two years, I was VP of EBS, and this is just the beginning. During this time of involvement I understand that change, doesn't happen overnight. It takes time, patience; Patience that I have and will use to your advantage. I have shown that I am a dedicated person that pours not only my



time and effort, but my life into this campus. Changing the atmosphere of the pub has always been my top priority. In my roll as VP Finance this past year I have personally revamped certain areas of the pub and am in the process of completing others. The variety and quality of food that is now available is the greatest we have ever offered. I promise to represent the students of Erindale to the full extent of my ability. I want to bring pride back to the Blind Duck and UTM. Stretching the budget, while maintaining proper spending is a difficult task to accomplish, but I have done it successfully this year. If you vote for Sean O'Connell for VP Finance, then you will get a better pub, accountable spending, and an even greater student experience! Re-elect Sean O'Connell for V.P. Finance! "Vox Populi!" Voice of the People!

### Farhan Ali Khan

My name is Farhan Ali Khan and I am a 3<sup>rd</sup> year Commerce student at UTM. I've decided to run for the Vice President – Finance position because I believe there is a strong need for change in student representation. I've heard the various promises made by past candidates over the last two years but haven't seen any significant changes. Sure,

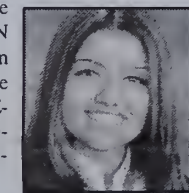


my fees have increased but that's about it. Too much confusion exists with what happens with UTM students' money. UTM students need to be represented by someone who WANTS the responsibility to manage student service fees assigned to UTM students and how to better allocate it for the needs of Erindale students. ECSU should be the only student representative committee for the undergraduate students of UTM. The New Student Union (NSU) wants to keep Erindale student money strictly for Erindale students. What better way to bring about change than getting rid off the old? Vote to make a difference!

## Special Projects Director

### Harveen Sidhu

Hi my name is HARVEEN SIDHU, and I'm running for the position of SPECIAL PROJECTS DIRECTOR.



I believe I am fit for the position because; I'm a responsible organized person, I manage time well and I'm always up for a challenge. I am a good team player and have excellent people skills, however, I am able to work independently when required. Some of the events that I am looking forward to tackling include: Blood Donor Clinic, Student Appreciation Days, the Holiday Fair as well as ARC, the Annual Rating of Courses-, all of which are very significant

events to all of us at UTM. I feel that if you vote for me for Special Projects Director I will make UTM a better social environment. I plan on making our university years more memorable by making your aspirations about university come true. By asking for your suggestions and comments on a regular basis. I would like to make the Holiday Fair a pre-holiday party, a time to relax before the actual holidays. Student Appreciation Days, a day for students to be appreciated, needs to be more advertised as we deserve to be recognized for our hard work. Lastly dealing with ARC, the Annual Rating of Courses that is one of the most important aspects of determining whether a course is suitable for you. With your help and my plan we can make a difference at UTM, so on March 26 + 27 vote HARVEEN SIDHU for SPECIAL PROJECTS DIRECTOR.

### Jason Borchenko

Hey UTM it's the Duck man hear to tell you our campus needs some serious help. Like, when was the last time you got excited about an event on campus? I hope to change all that and more by running for ECSU as Special Projects Director. That means that our pub will no longer be that lame duck we all ignore. I am a first year student, and am currently serving on the SAC UTM commission with full voting privileges. I currently sit on the Erindale College Council and the Academic Affairs Council representing student's interests and concerns. All this shows is that I am an organized, concerned and talented individual looking to enrich your campus experience. I want to start with the pub patrol so we can inform and

excite our campus about the events happening on campus. I'm planning to make the pub more accessible by reducing rental fees not only for clubs but resident as well. This would encourage student organizations to do more of what they do best, events. I will also bring dry pubs for the large number of underage students arriving with the double cohort putting the focus on contests and events rather than on booze. I intend to take student appreciation days and make them more than free pizza by putting the focusing on presenters like bag-o-trix and social welfare/environmental events. This combined with a working relationship with SAC and SC events will make every event on campus memorable and well-organized.

### Berkha Gupta

Hi, I'm Berkha Gupta signing in. ECSU elections are coming up around the corner and you're probably going to wonder who to vote for? Let me answer that for you. Vote for me! Vote for Berkha Gupta for Special Projects Director! Now you're probably wondering why? It's really very simple. A person who loves doing something does it best. I love organizing events. I am a life



science student double majoring in Psychology and Biology. At the same time, I juggle the responsibilities of being a member of the Residence Council. I have been organizing events of all kinds for years now. Events organized through clubs and committees and have also organized events as an individual. All this shows that I am a hard working and dedicated individual. It also shows that I love organizing and planning events as I have been doing it time and again. As a result, I do know what I'm doing and I truly believe that I can make next year another great year at Erindale. In the end, the "Choice is Yours". Berkha Gupta signing off, bye and take care.

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## Blame The Medium!

To all of the UTM candidates in the SAC election that did not win, please, blame *The Medium*. Jay Singh, I apologize that we did not put your picture on the front page of last week's issue. It was visible at how dissatisfied you were. You looked so saddened when you yelled, "No comment! No comment! Why don't you ask this guy?" as you pointed to the picture of Mohammed Hashim. I feel so bad and I'm so sorry we dissatisfied you.

Also, Shawn Knights, I sincerely apologize for *The Medium* failing you. In the letter you sent, you complained about *The Medium* not giving you any support and not writing about your speech that you were never able to say, due to temporary disqualification. Again, I owe you an apology. We should have fabricated a speech so that we could show you our support. I felt especially bad when I read your e-mail directed to Caribbean Connection about your election loss. Remorse hit me even worse when I read, "Of course this means that we do not have any Black representation in SAC, and unfortunately I will no longer be able to lead the diversity fight with U of T." I mean, considering how light-skinned SAC President Rocco Kusi-Achampong is, you're absolutely right. So, all I can say is, to all the candidates who did not win in the SAC election, I apologize. Please blame *The Medium*.

## Keep Aramark

Last Friday, while waiting in line at the Blind Duck Pub for lunch, I heard a conversation that summed up what I feel is a major misconception students have about food services on campus. Two females were discussing the pub food options, which then led to a series of nauseating complaints about the lack of food alternatives on campus.

Several of their comments, however, struck me as misinformed and accusing. For instance, one of the criticisms about the pub was, "You would think that at how busy this place gets at lunch time, they can afford to hire more help and make better food." Okay, I will be the first one to agree that the food served at the pub can be distasteful at times. Pub staff, however, does not make the food. The pub does not make any profits on the food, either. Rather, Aramark controls the kitchen, including the distribution and preparation of food. If you want to complain about the rude girl that serves you your food, go to the pub manager, Maxine Dawkins. If you want to complain about getting your food cold, go to Aramark.

I think it is pretty obvious that all food services on campus need a major overhaul. The majority of complaints stem from lack of options, specifically healthier ones, the cost of food, and the hours of operation for food services. And regardless of what administration may say, food is a problem on campus, and they have received many complaints over the years regarding the available services.

Why is food such a problem on campus? I don't believe the cost of food should be an issue of criticism. No student can expect to get something made right in front of them at Spigel, for \$1.99. There is a reason why junk food is cheap, and why more elaborate or nourishing meals are pricier. Aramark does make money on the food it sells. It has to. This is the unfortunate way of the business world. To go outside campus to purchase similar food would still cost more. Because the campus is specifically for students does not mean food has to be cheap. The food costs the same for the retailer, regardless of where you sell it. Some make more profit than others, but either way, you have to make some sort of profit.

Also, several individuals will attribute UTM's contractual agreement with Aramark as the primary reason for our problems. I disagree, however. Although food services have several flaws, and the majority of the services are operated by Aramark, the problem does not necessarily lie solely on them.

Yet since Aramark's contract faces expiration next year, several wonder whether renewal is an option. It should be. As I see it, it's really the only option. Granted, Aramark has not provided the best services on campus, and there are several problems. But if anyone believes that by bringing in another company will result in a major difference, or better food, they are naively mistaken. To handle the magnitude of food services, especially with the intended expansion on campus, you need a big company like Aramark to accommodate everything.

Another corporation like Beaver will not necessarily improve the situation. Also, I have seen first-hand other university's that use Aramark that provide better food options than what we have at UTM. Therefore, the flaw lies in the contract itself, and possibly in the operation of Aramark on campus. So, a possible solution is that a better contract with more stipulations should be implemented that allows administration and students to have a handle on Aramark's services. Outline the necessary changes, specifically issues of providing more food options at later times for Residence students and creating healthier alternatives for students, and make them an imperative change. If you change the contract to allow UTM to have a better hold and influence on Aramark, you can generate change and make food services better on campus.

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Sunday: All of that drama and confusion with the SAC elections is too funny. Andrea, Tarran and I are venting about unfair cultural representation. Why can't we have an Arab history month? A little word to the two displeased NSU bitches- it might be better not to gossip about the affairs of my friend. Tarran thanks Snow as a legend. Wow, you have REAL good taste in music. Mehraan and Tarran are arguing about Dr. J. Apparently he fights it. I hope you feel better Stefani! Stephanie is wearing a cute shirt. It's busy in the office. Everyone except Rocco is here. Tarran can't stop talking about her crushes for the wedding. We got some good ideas for the year issue. It's gonna be funny. Andrea got tanked at Chronicle Rock because she pretended to work for CSIS. Haha. There is a good way to pick up guys. Darryl is best on mocking me in some way. Thanks Tarran for encouraging Mehraan with the Soca music. Mehraan is trying to steal some undercover pic. I think I'm passing Mehraan off because I'm having such a pain in the ass. Sorry! Darryl is abusing poor Zazar. Andrea is almost finished. Johanna is head in really hectic day. Thank you for the salad Zazar and the Krespy, Kreme donuts Tarran!



## Medium was "ignourant" with comments

In keeping with the spirit of this week's letter to the editor, it was decided not to edit it's contents. We didn't want our subjectivity to interfere with the authors' subjectivity.

To: The Editor-in-Chief Michelle Rabba,

I am deeply appaled at the March 3rd issue of the Medium which had a front page picture of the fire eater who performed for Caribbean Connection's Black History Month Celebration. The picture captured almost three quarters of the front page yet only two sentences were dedicated to the picture or to the celebration. The caption under the picture was very derogatory. It said something to effect that there was so much heat in the celebration that firefighters had to put it out. Then it made reference to page three for more details. On page three there was only a campus police report which stated that there was no damage to UTM property and the situation was under control. If that is all that could be said about

the Black History Month Celebration that went on from 12:00pm to 4:00pm perhaps you guys should not have included it on your front page. I could possibly understand your comments if the fire eater caused a big fire or if there was damages.

The fact remains that it was a minor occurrence which was blasted on your front page. It is to my belief that you guys were ignourant with your comments especially for such a meaningful event and you guys choked the event up to be some big joke. I didn't know that my history was a big joke.

On a second note, above the picture there was a big caption which stated "The things people do for money." Once again, how ignourant can you guys get? The fact remains that you guys do not know if the fire eater was demonstrating a sacred ritual. How do you guys know if he is doing it for money? That was an uninformed comment about something very meaningful to a lot of people. As an editor for a medium which represents UTM students I don't see how you are doing me any justice. I am deeply offended by your comments and your

coverage of Caribbean Connection's Black History Month Show. If you are going to use such a big picture on your front page, you should at least have the decency to write an article that is more than two lines long.

I am interested to know what you have to say about this.

Tamara Jackson

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## FEATURES

## Alternative medicine plagued by misconceptions

BY ZEHRU HUSSAIN

I first noticed signs of acne on my face at the age of 14. Over the next 5 years this minor annoyance grew into a chronic acne problem. Every morning I noticed new pimples growing before the old ones vanished and slowly the acne became my obsession.

I tried everything to control the breakouts. I went to dermatologists, ordered Proactive through an infomercial, visited salons for customized treatments and slapped on drying agents and topical creams every night. When nothing made a difference, my family physician decided to put me on Cloxacillin, an antibiotic, and consecutively kept prescribing it to me every time I went for a check up.

The pills proved to be a temporary solution. They suppressed my acne on the surface but when they ran out, the acne came back worse than before. I hated those pills. Being dependent on them scared me and the side effects associated with continuous antibiotic use terrified me.

The possible side effects included severe skin rash, itching, hives, difficulty breathing or swallowing, wheezing, difficulty urinating and vaginal infection. The

incidence of these side effects was rare but still possible and the more I took the antibiotics the more I worried about them.

My doctor ignored my concerns. When I then suggested seeking a homeopathic treatment, he discouraged me. Despite this, I called the Ontario Association for Naturopathic Doctors and asked for a listing of the nearest naturopathic doctors in my area. Dr. Laura Bodner seemed to be the one closest to my house, only ten minutes away by car. I decided I would call her and make the next available appointment.

When I called I was informed the initial consultation would cost \$100 and every subsequent visit would cost \$40 because alternative medicine was not covered under OHIP. This seemed excessive but since I had tried everything else I was determined to see this through all the way.

When my mother and I entered Dr. Bodner's clinic we heard the tinkling of running water. It came from a miniature fountain that sat on the receptionist's desk. There was no receptionist at the desk, so for a few minutes we stood in the middle of the white-walled, chair-lined waiting room wondering if we should go down the small corridor on the far corner

of the room or just wait.

As we looked around, Dr. Laura Bodner emerged from her office and greeted us as old friends. She was slim, tall, with long brown hair, beautiful skin, bright welcoming eyes and a ready smile. I immediately felt at ease with her. She ushered us into her office and directed us to seats. There was no clinic style bed around and I was grateful for that.

Dr. Bodner began by introducing naturopathic medicine as a supplement to traditional medicine. I did not have to stop taking the antibiotics if I didn't want to. She said her method of treatment would work side by side with what my family physician had prescribed.

She then asked about my bowel movements, my menstrual cycles, my eating habits. She listened and took notes as I answered her questions. She asked how I felt about a food sensitivity test. I agreed to it and when the results came back I found that I was sensitive to cow's milk, wheat flour, and white sugar.

The next step was to remove these foods from my diet. This, of course, was a difficult process. The first month I survived on rice. Gradually my mother and I discovered substitutes for all my sensitivities. After six months our hard work paid off; my skin cleared up, break outs became less frequent, and everybody

commented on the difference.

However, Priya, Mansoor and Nandita, three of my university friends, proved to be my biggest skeptics. Whenever a discussion of my change in lifestyle came up, these people became the typical playground bullies, and I their victim. Most discussions

ended on a somber note and I usually left the discussion sullen and unresponsive. Despite the evidence of my cleared skin, they insisted there were a lot of reasons to doubt the path I chose and the doctor who recommended it to me:

**"Chocolate does not cause acne"**

My sensitivity to cow's milk made chocolate off limits. To Priya this seemed like clear evidence Dr. Bodner had no scientific research to back her up. She pointed to recent studies that claimed there was no link between eating chocolate and acne.

However, the whole premise of naturopathic and homeopathic medicine is that each individual reacts to external stimuli and food in different ways. Thus, one single rule or treatment does not apply to everyone, and thus my sensitivity to cow's milk made chocolate bad for me.

**"You can't eat anything now"**

It's true. I can't eat a lot of the dishes I once took for granted such as ice cream (cow's milk and white sugar), pizza (wheat and cow's milk), burgers (wheat), pasta (wheat), cheese (cow's milk). But I found substitutes. When I cook, I substitute soy milk or goat's milk for cow's milk, brown sugar for white sugar and spelt flour for wheat flour.

Eating out is very different now as well. When I look at a restaurant menu I first scan it for what I can eat and from those items I choose what I want to eat. Even though my food choices are limited, I still enjoy stir fry, seafood, rice, chicken, steak, sorbets and so on. These dishes are delicious and filling. I never feel I miss out on anything when I eat out with friends.

**"Any results you may notice are purely based on psychological reasons"**

I have to admit this one got to me. I was left speechless with anger when Priya said this. Acne is not something that can be controlled by a simple mind over matter exercise. It is a real disease that can affect people well into their thirties and leave behind ugly scars. My face cleared up and people actually noticed so I don't think the results I noticed were based purely in my head.

**"Your doctor is a quack... she doesn't even have a degree"**

Just like allopathic doctors in Canada, naturopathic doctors have to complete their 4-year Bachelor of Science degree from a recognized university. Then, they either study naturopathic medicine from The Canadian College of Naturopathic Medicine or they get an MBBS and self-study naturopathy.

**"Alternative medicine is not scientifically proven"**

There is the National Centre for Complementary and Alternative Medicine based in the USA which is part of the Department of Health and Human Services. NCCAM's "mission is to support rigorous research on complementary and alternative medicine (CAM), to train researchers in CAM, and to disseminate information to the public and professionals on which CAM modalities work, which do not, and why."

(<http://nccam.nih.gov/about/aboutnccam/index.htm>)

In Canada there is The Canadian College of Naturopathic Medicine which not only trains naturopathic doctors but also conducts and promotes research. (<http://www.ccnm.edu/catbank.html>)

**"Alternative medicine is not regulated"**

Again, this is a big misconception that people have. Naturopathic medicine is currently regulated by the Board of Directors of Drugless Therapy/Naturopathy. It is also recognized provincially in Ontario, British Columbia and other provinces; if it wasn't, these doctors wouldn't be allowed to set up practices and treat patients.

Although my association with Priya, Nandita and Mansoor ended a long time ago, it still worries me that they could be so openly judgmental and insensitive about something that to me, their friend, was so important. Alternative medicine was a god send for me. For them it was a joke, no better than witchcraft. Because I believed in it and said it worked, I was nothing more than a new age hippie to them.

I hope through this article people see that alternative medicine is much more than "new age mumbo jumbo" and that one should never be afraid to try unconventional solutions to everyday problems.

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BY ELEFTERIA  
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Nervous lips,  
bewildered smile  
Soft, supple rose  
petals  
Nearing toward me,  
It touches me,  
You touch me

I feel your warmth  
upon my skin  
Emitting from your heart  
Radiating, filling my soul  
Penetrating deep inside me  
It warms me,  
You warm me

Your sweet scent fills  
my air,  
Your aroma drives me wild  
For I know you are  
so close  
My body is pulsating  
It fills me

You fill me  
Your enchanting  
eyes stare  
at mine  
Illuminating  
my heart,  
waking my mind  
Your mysterious  
glare pierces

my soul  
Building an aura  
of love and compassion  
It enchants me  
You enchant me

You gratify my  
restless soul  
I indulge in your presence  
I'm engulfed in your spirit  
Slippery skin, our two  
bodies as one  
It gratifies me  
You gratify me

**RANDOM THOUGHTS**  
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BY MIKE ELLIS

Madam President, Madam President! We Have A Big Rat Problem!

Well Then, Set Up Some Mouse Traps.

I Did, But They Didn't Work!

What About The Cat We Bought?

It's Been Eaten Miss!

Eaten?! How Many Are We Talking About?

Umm... Only One... But Hes Big... And He Bit Me... And... Stole Don's Hat...

IDIOTS!!! Okay I know How To Handle This!

So I Think We All Know Why I called This Meeting... Its About Our Rats Problem!

\*HISSES\*

# Awareness of STIs

By T. BANKOVIC

Don't let the name fool you. You don't necessarily have to have sex to pick up a Sexually Transmitted Infection. While some STIs can only be transmitted through vaginal, oral, or anal sexual activity, others can infect you from places you might not suspect.

The following STIs are transmitted by sexual activity: (oral, anal, or vaginal)

- Gonorrhea\*
- Bacterial vaginitis
- Trichomoniasis
- Genital herpes

In addition to sexual transmission, the following STIs can be picked up...

- Candidiasis (a.k.a. yeast infection)
  - By sharing an infected individual's towel
- Oral herpes
  - By kissing; touching; sharing cups/towels; from toilet seats
- Human Papilloma Virus (a.k.a. genital warts)
  - By using infected towels; wearing infected clothing
- Pediculosis (a.k.a. crabs; pubic lice)
  - By using infected towels, bed sheets; from toilet seats
- Scabies
  - By touching infected fabrics, such as clothing or bed sheets
- Syphilis
  - By touching an infected individual's chancre
- Chlamydia (in the eye)\*
  - By touching your eyes after touching infected genitals
- Viral hepatitis
  - Through transfusion of infected blood
- Acquired Immunodeficiency Syndrome (AIDS)\*
  - Through contact with contaminated blood

\*Can also be transmitted from mother to newborn baby

Protect yourself and your partner(s). Do not share towels, other fabrics, or cups. Avoid letting your skin touch public toilet seats. Wear gloves when in contact with other people's blood. And, of course, use condoms during sexual activity (and barriers, i.e. dental dams, during oral sex).

Need more information on STIs? Read about causes, symptoms, and treatments in UTM SEC's many information sheets, available in room 130 in the Student Centre, or contact Health Service at (905) 828-5255.

This article originally appeared in Sex & University, the newsletter put out by SEC. Look for the latest issue, listing March events.

# Watch out for drugged drinks

By JOHANNA KRISTOLAITIS

"I think I got drugged at the bar."

This sentence has become frighteningly common over the past few years. There has only been one reported occurrence of a drugged drink at the Blind Duck Pub, a couple of years ago. Within the last five years, there have been at least three to four reported cases at the St. George campus, all of which occurred off-campus at nearby bars or parties.

Students, both women and men, should be aware of date rape drugs and their effects. Although campus-reported occurrences have been relatively small, it is good to exercise caution. Whenever people are drinking, there's the possibility of drugged drinks.

One date rape drug that is prominent in many cases is Rohypnol. It is used medically to sedate patients before surgery and to treat severe insomnia. It is similar in nature to Valium, but is 10 times stronger. It is a tasteless, odorless and colourless substance that easily dissolves in liquids, such as coffee, juice and alcohol.

Sexual offenders often slip such drugs into unattended alcoholic beverages at clubs, bars and social events. The drugs leave the individual unconscious and vulnerable to sexual assault. Upon awakening, the victim may have little to no memory of the assault.

How can I tell if I or someone else has been drugged?

Signs of potential date rape drug ingestion include: (1) difficulty staying awake, (2) loss of inhibition, (3) drowsiness, (4) confusion, (5) vomiting, (6) coma.



The effects of date rape drugs may appear similar to those of alcohol consumption and can last from two to eight hours. If these drugs are ingested along with alcohol, the person may blackout for up to 24 hours.

Remember, if an individual seems intoxicated after consuming little, or no alcohol, he or she may have been drugged. If you are unsure of what substance caused the reaction, it is better to get help just in case.

What should I do if I think I or someone around me has been drugged?

Do not leave the individual unattended, or with anyone you do not know or trust. He/she might not be able to defend him or herself in case of an attack. If at all possible, get someone to stay with the drugged person until the effects of the drug wear off. Do not accept offers of help from strangers, however nice they seem.

Get him/her to a safe place, preferably a hospital emergency room, as soon as possible. If transportation or medical help is not available, call 911.

If you suspect a sexual assault has taken place, request a physical examination at the nearest hospital. Be sure the victim does not shower, bathe, douche, change

clothes, or tamper with the affected area in any way. The medical examiners will need to collect evidence.

If you think you know who drugged you call the police - the attacker may have more in his possession.

Remember, if you or someone you know is drugged and/or sexually assaulted, it is always the fault of the attacker, not the victim. However, there are a few safety precautions you can take:

Never leave a drink - alcoholic or not - unattended at a gathering where there are people you don't know. Be just as vigilant at a house or office party as you would in a public bar.

Accept beverages only from people you know and trust. However, be careful who you trust - figures indicate that almost 70% of victims know their attacker.

Avoid punch bowls and other non-contained drinks. Where possible try to drink from bottles. Do not accept drinks which you have not seen being poured. If you suddenly feel drunk after only a couple of drinks, seek help.

Always have at least one person you know and trust at each social gathering so that you can watch out for each other. Look out for strange behaviour.

Leave your credit and cash cards at home - there are increasing numbers of cases where drugged victims willingly reveal their pin numbers to their attackers.

Do not make the mistake of believing that this can only happen to women.

\*with files from the Sexual Education Centre

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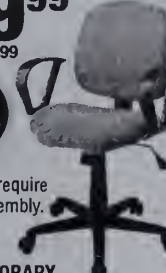
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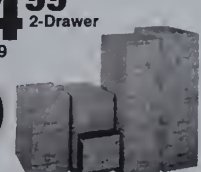


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## ARTS &amp; ENTERTAINMENT

## Flirty flappers get all jazzed up in Chicago flick

## MOVIE REVIEW

BY ROBIN MCINTYRE

It's a little more than all that jazz! Chicago integrates song and dance into a story of murder and infidelity.

Chicago, as staged by Bob Fosse, was a Broadway hit upon its initial 1975 production, but it was with its 1996 revival, now the longest-running in Broadway history, that it truly entered the public consciousness.

The material is based on a 1926 play and has already been adapted twice for the movies. It tells the sordid tale of Roxie Hart (Renee Zellweger), a struggling dancer-singer in Prohibition-era Chicago who goes on trial for the shooting death of her lover.

Her rival for the public's ever-shifting attentions is equally homicidal showgirl Velma Kelly (Catherine Zeta-Jones), and her lawyer is the ever-shifty, slick Billy Flynn (Richard Gere). The themes of media exploitation and the public's embracing of glamorous criminals is, unfortunately, still all too relevant.

While in prison, she meets her idol (Catherine Zeta-Jones), a variety show type. This scene is probably among the best in the film. It's brilliantly choreographed and is very reminiscent of Elvis Presley's 'Jailhouse Rock.'

The choreography is consistently interesting and the design is amaz-



ing, both drawing heavily on the style and look of vaudeville acts. The three lead actors are all in fine form, putting enough glitz and guts into their performances that you don't really mind that their characters are uniformly shallow, vain, and ambitious.

Gere is not an actor associated with musical comedy. His dashing good looks and charisma, not to mention his ability to convey a smarmy quality, serve him well here, and it's a pleasure to see him working his comedic muscles again. Queen Latifah proves inspired casting as the scheming Matron Morton, scoring big with her lavish number 'When You're Good to Mama.'

Director Rob Marshall has con-

ceived, or should that be choreographed, a terrific melodic – blending slender narrative with show stopping tunes. The editing is flawless too in those transitions from song to scene.

Marshall has made his actors work for their paychecks and then some, and it shows on screen. While many may already be familiar with the sublime choral talents of Zeta-Jones (and her "All That Jazz" is a knockout), they'll be more surprised to discover the concealed singing talents of the magnetic Gere, and the elfin Zellweger. But also good, John C Reilly, as Zellweger's husband, performing a magical rendition of 'Mr Cellophane.'

Somewhat predictably, the plot

and finale doesn't play as dramatic on the big screen as it did in the theatre, but that's an endurable

blemish considering the sheer magic Marshall's conceived otherwise here.

## Polanski orchestrates powerful flick

## MOVIE REVIEW

BY ROBIN MCINTYRE

The holocaust is a very personal subject, even more so for director Roman Polanski. Polanski himself is a survivor of the holocaust and his mother a victim.

It is an experience he had waited his entire life to tell and in the true story of pianist Wladyslaw Szpilman, he finally found a subject worthy of his cause.

Szpilman (Adrien Brody) was a terrific Polish pianist, forced out of work when the German's took over his hometown of Warsaw. Szpilman and his family were forced to live in the Ghettoes and eventually the concentration camps. Like Steven Spielberg's Schindler's List, The Pianist does not pull any punches when it comes to presenting life as it was in the camps. For much of the movie, Szpilman serves as a witness to the horrible

events that are going on around him. He witnesses humiliation when German soldiers force Jewish prisoners to dance for their own entertainment; he witnesses cruelty when a man in a wheelchair is thrown out a window for not standing at an officers request; and he witnesses desperation when a man resorts to eating corn straight off the muddy streets.

When his family is being moved to the internment camps, Szpilman does what he can to obtain them all working permits. Unfortunately it seems that work isn't the only thing the Nazis have planned for them and soon they find themselves waiting around for trains to take them to places no one has ever come back from.

With the help of a member of the Jewish police force, Szpilman manages his escape from the death camps; but will life be any easier on the outside?

I enjoyed how Polanski uses music as a symbol of hope in this movie. There is a great scene when Szpilman is in his apartment sitting at a piano. Since no one must know he is in there,

he cannot play, but he sits down and plays the music in his head, his hands flailing just above the keys. Music comforts Szpilman whenever a situation seems unbearable.

The Pianist is a fairly compelling film. The movie's treatment of violence is appropriately less Hollywood than Schindler's List. The Pianist is a straightforward view of human survival and courage. It's not for everyone, but it is worth seeing.



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**Twothirtyeight**  
**You Should Be Living**  
 Tooth and Nail Records  
 2002

Twothirtyeight has something very unique to offer. Lyrically, they appear to be far superior to most indie rock bands because their music is stellar! Chris Staples, the enigmatic singer and songwriter has crafted ten songs that slips the band out of the 'typical indie band' and places them in a more straightforward, rock genre.

With their latest release *You Should Be Living*, the band has officially begun a rise to fame.

The album begins with 'Modern Day Prayer,' a rebellious anthem with an odd

appealing twist into space while 'The Sticks Are Woven In The Spokes' could be a filler if not for its ambient and impressive lyrics. 'Forty Hour Increments' sounds a little like The Clash and 'Romancing The Ghost' is a nice slow-moving ballad from beginning to end. 'The Holy Glow' adds one truly great head-bobbing hit where 'Step Into The Light' is a great track with clear acoustics.

They've grown a bit since *Regulate The Chemicals*. *You Should Be Living* is a better sounding album with a different sound. Staples has focused more on the aspect of song writing for this album. The guitar interchanging is solid, however, the rhythm is nothing original.

— Robin McIntyre

# CD PICK OF THE WEEK

**Fischerspooner**

**#1**

**Capital Records/EMI  
 Music Canada**

It's rather interesting how the electric pop duo Fischerspooner have incorporated fashion, art and pop music into their music. For starters, the cd booklet is well laid out, with Karl Lagerfeld fashion shoots that resemble rock band KISS and Any Warhol.

Formed in New York in 1999 by old friends Warren Fischer and Casey Spooner, Fischerspooner takes that minimalist, early '80s synth-pop sound that electro-clash so heavily bases its sound on, and breathes new life into it. Never a part of any electronic music scene in the first place, they just blindly went into this project with Fischer's minimal synthesizers (influenced by the likes of Kraftwerk, Human League and New Order, more specifically, 'Blue Monday'), Spooner's often twisted lyrics, and the duo's own warped vision of what good modern pop music should be like.

Fischerspooner mix The Human League or Depeche Mode with underground techno. 'The 15th,' the group's latest single, is



Fischerspooner's take on a post-punk-era Wire 1979 original. 'Tone Poem,' 'Horizon' struggle to match the success of 'The 15th'.

The rest of #1, while not possessing quite the same catchiness as the first 20 minutes, never gets dull. Despite the strength of this album, Fischerspooner is best enjoyed as a multimedia act, and to Capitol Records' credit, they have includ-

ed one hell of a bonus DVD. These days, most bonus DVDs include a video or two, and little else, and are often watched once, and soon forgotten after that, but this treat for Fischerspooner fans is really something special. It has a highly entertaining, 23-minute documentary, four music videos (including the brilliant 2003 version of 'Emerge')

— Robin McIntyre

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# Everclear looks at life's issues

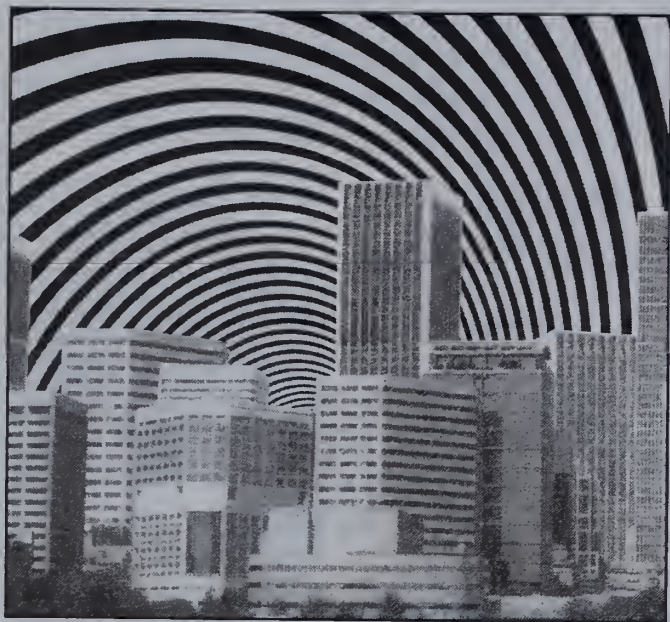
Everclear  
Slow Motion  
Daydream  
Capital Records/  
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2003

While most post-grunge bands quietly faded away in the dark, Everclear is back from a hiatus. Even after two disappointing albums, Everclear has released their latest concoction, *Slow Motion Daydream* – is a batch of new, yet familiar tunes.

It seems like they are using the same formula that made them popular in the mid-90's. With Art Alexakis on guitars and lead vocals, Greg Eklund on drums and Craig Montoya on bass – *Slow Motion Daydream* emphasizes on hope, and the way we are able to find the meaning of life even during times of chaos.

Rock-in-roll is mostly about having a good time, and these guys certainly don't shy away from that! This album is energetic, even when focusing on issues such as relationships, politics and even the need for putting people down.

The show piece of this album is the track 'Volvo Driving Soccer Mom' about a mother wanting to give up her wild habits for a family life, even though it is quite reminiscent of previous tracks 'Everything To Everyone' and 'I Will Buy You A New Life.'



"Maybe the soccer mom is actually more real than the wild child," Alexakis said in a press release. "In every porn star and tattooed freak you see, there's a normal, middle-class person waiting to get out. In reality, I'm a soccer dad – I was a drug-addict, punk-rock guy from the projects ... and last week I was cheering when my daughter got a goal at her soccer game."

The clever chord changes are chilling on 'Science Fiction' and 'Chrysanthemum,' a glimpse into the mind of a parent of an abducted child, set to guitar and accordion. And though 'Sunshine' sounds somewhat recycled, it's a most infectious shot of modern-rock

noise.

'TV Show' is a depiction of a broken man and the media and 'I Hope I Die A Beautiful Death' focuses on Kurt Cobain and James Dean's allure of romantic fatality.

"People can disappear in a matter of a second; that light is extinguished," he said.

"But I came back from death from an overdose when I was 21. It was five o'clock in the morning outside of this house – and there was an EMT truck next door. Why? Because the driver had come home to use his bathroom. If he hadn't been there, I'd be dead."

– Andrea Civichino

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## ECSU hosts 1st Annual Film Festival at UTM

### FILM REVIEW

BY ANDREA CIVICHINO

UTM students were given an opportunity to put their books aside and take out the video cameras and showcase their completed product at ECSU's 1st Annual UTM Student Festival.

Director Mark Lapasa kicked off the evening with his film *Frosh 2002*. Lapasa's film captured the essence of Frosh week, however, his film included too many crowd shots. Although his film was not intended as an advertisement for Frosh, perhaps fewer shots of long lines ups and eager students congregating in large circles and more interaction with students would have given a more personal account.

Despite minor technical difficulties, audience member final got to view Earl Catapang's rip-off of *O-Town's* music video *Liquid Dreams*. Catapang mor-

phed dancers that he filmed into the existing video. It was brilliantly done because there were times when I couldn't differentiate between the actual video and Catapang's additions. Haris Cehjic's *Fists of Fera*, a 13 minute Brampton Crew Film about what two hardcore fighting ninja's will do for Arimos.

For an amateur film, the transition from scene-to-scene was very smooth and the dramatic performances of his actors were very commendable. Their jump kicks and skill would make Mr. Miyagi very proud.

Boxfight, directed by Neil Behrendt, takes us into the basements of family households across the city for a look at a new fighting phenomenon.

The premise of box fighting is quite simple ... gather as many cardboard boxes as you possibly can, design a protective costume using the boxes and voila. You are not prepared to beat the living shit out of your opponent. The audience enjoyed the ingenuity of Behrendt's work and took pleasure in watching others get injured.

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## Know someone who's made a difference?

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## Act!

Forms and details for Volunteer Certificates and Involvement Awards are available at [www.utm.utoronto.ca/service](http://www.utm.utoronto.ca/service) and in the UTM Career Centre, Academic Skills Centre and the Medium office.

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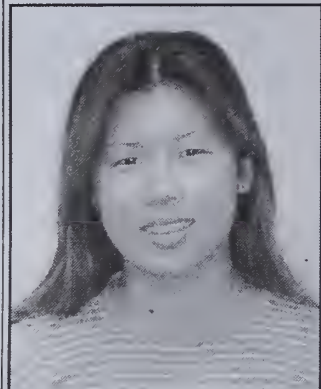
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### President of Athletic Council



Most of you will know me as Mel Lui, or it shouldn't be a new name to you if you read the Medium. I'm currently the Director of Women's Interfaculty Affairs on UTMAC, and my experience this year has motivated me to take on the challenging role of becoming the President. I am an active participant in numerous Interfaculty and Intramural events, and have also contributed on numerous championships titles at UTM. With the leadership abilities that I have, through Captain of Div I Volleyball, Head Coach of Dragonboat, and Commissioning the Volleyball League, I strongly believe that UTMAC will run as smoothly and successfully as it did this year, if not better. I have numerous ongoing proposals in mind and hopefully they will arise in the upcoming year. I am a trustworthy and reliable person, but I need to rely on YOU to become more involve in athletics at UTM. The hype starts with you and I

will do my best to make your experience unforgettable and always coming back for more!



My name is Rishi Chugh, and I am running for the position of UTMAC President for next year. Since my first year at UTM, I've played for the Men's Interfaculty Rugby Team, Men's Interfaculty Division II Basketball Team, and I've been fortunate enough to win a handful of intramural championships. Some of you may also recognize me from the Fitstop where I've worked for the past two years.

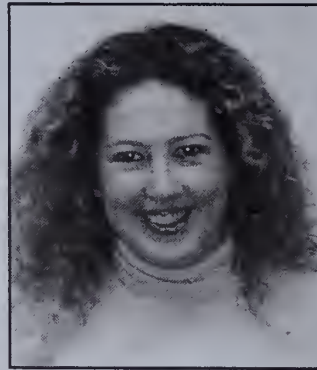
As a concerned student involved in athletics I've noticed a disturbing trend; as our campus population continues to grow, participation in intramural and interfaculty sports continually decreases. Students need to be aware that they are giving their money to UTMAC, and it is up to them to take advantage of the services and activities that UTMAC works to provide.

Please help me write a new chapter in the history of UTM Athletics. I believe that we can work towards a brighter future for athletics in the years to come.

### Director of Special Projects



Students of UTM, lend me your attention as I am proposing goals and ideas that will improve your athletic experience. My name is Jean-Paul Paluzzi and I am running for Director of Special Projects for the UTMAC. I am a 3rd year student who has been using the athletic facilities regularly and am very familiar with the environment. I assure you, you are in good hands. I am very excited for the upcoming year as I have come up with new programs and activities to involve all the students at UTM. To wet your pallet and entice your appetite, I have come up with new activities such as golf days, an increase in yoga, pilates and aerobic sessions for better accessibility, and implementing additional intramural sports such as cricket, tennis and outdoor soccer. These are just to name a few; however I have many more great ideas. I am truly dedicated to ameliorating the athletic experience at UTM. With high endurance and dedication we will score the goals together. LET'S PLAY BALL!!!



### VOTE ASHLEY EVANS - UTMAC DIRECTOR OF SPECIAL PROJECTS

Student Elections for UTMAC are back once again. I, Ashley Evans, am running for Director of Special Projects. Why vote for me? Besides being organized, interpersonal, patient and encouraging, I plan to throw one heck of an Athletic Banquet. I have previously worked with Athletic councils, helping organize ski and snowboard trips, swim-team meets, and 3-on-3 basketball tournaments. All of which had full-attendance. I just want to make sure that everyone has a good time at the events planned. I want to improve the activities that UTMAC arranges, from making sure that people are aware of what happens outside of the UTM gym to listening to what you, the students want. I will organize more activities, activities that you are interested in. If you would like to see something that has never been done through UTMAC, I will arrange it. Take the time to vote and represent your school.

### Public & Commercial Relations Officer



My name is Sonia Chawla, and I am a second year commerce student at UTM. The position I am running for is The Public and Commercial Relations Officer, in the UTMAC elections for the 2003/2004 academic year.

The reason why I am interested in running for the Public and Commercial Relations position is because I see myself as a dedicated individual working towards the success of the UTMAC events. My background in marketing and my experience gained from SAC in highschool is suitable for the position I seek. I will ensure the most effective advertising, and other publicity of UTMAC. Involvement in athletics can be amplified through increased awareness of intramurals, teams, banquets, ski trips and other events. With the upcoming increase in the student body, it will be a perfect opportunity to get students involved not only to build school spirit but to also build healthier students.

I am also interested in increasing the sponsorship of UTMAC. This is crucial to increasing revenue for UTMAC, which in turn would help to create better and more affordable events for the students.

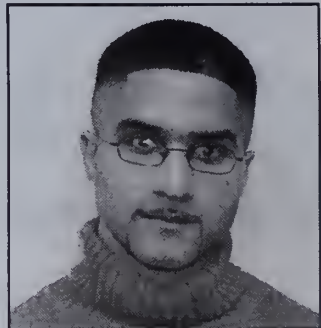
Through the public relations position I promise to be devoted to further uniting the student body with athletics at UTM.

### Secretary of Finance



Say it with me: "WHAT DO WE THINK OF ERINDALE?" If you said "We LOVE Erindale!" then great, so do I. I'm Dave Hamilton, and I'm running for UTMAC Secretary of Finance for the 2003-2004 year. This past year I was Finance guy on the UTM Athletics Council, and we had many great events like Rock wall, Go karts and FROSH. Now, if you said "FCUK ERINDALE!" then I should talk to you. In the past 2 years I've served as a Residence Don, on the Phase 7 planning committee, ECC and College Affairs, sat in on QSS, and other councils. I realize that the reputation of UTM's councils has taken a severe beating, but consider this: UTMAC never made the front page of the Medium for a council-related humiliation this year.

So on March 25th and 26th, re-elect Dave Hamilton for Secretary of Finance UTMAC!



Hi, my name is Adil Daudi and I am a second year student at UTM majoring in Economics and Industrial Relations. I am running for the UTMAC Secretary of Finance position, which involves dealing with any and all financial matters within UTMAC. I am the BEST candidate for this position because I thrive to work as a team by taking the initiative to go above and beyond the scope of the position. I have a strong background in accounting and numbers coming from the experience I gained through working at the Bank, managing my own small business and being the founding of a charitable organization.

Lately, we have all read and heard the way certain organizations are being operated and it has only tarnished the reputation of one of the most prestigious post-secondary institutions in the country. As things are looking on the downside and the reputation for these organizations are diminishing, I want to be one part of the TEAM that is responsible for turning things around and bringing the respect and shine back to the name UTMAC. As a person who always enjoys challenges, I can guarantee you that when I am elected for Secretary of Finance I will not let you down.

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## Director of Intramural Affairs

My name is Vince Cheng and I will be running for the position of "Director of Intramural Affairs". I believe that my experience as coordinator of intramural events at UTM makes me a perfect candidate for this position. In the past two years, I have commissioned the Intramural Basketball, Softball, and Ball-Hockey leagues. My main goal as the Director of Intramural Affairs is to improve the quality of the intramural events offered and also increase the amount participation. Vote for me and you will not be disappointed!



Dear respected and beloved students:

My name is Ibrahim Aboghodieh. I am a second year student enrolled in the economics specialist program. I am running for the Director of Intramural Affairs for the second consecutive year in a row. During this year's council, the following have been the major ideas for intramurals in brief:

In the Athletic Banquet on April 4th we are recognizing MVP's for each sport of intramurals. THIS IS THE FIRST YEAR WE HAVE MVP AWARDS FOR EACH INTRAMURAL SPORT.

UTMAC this year also planned to do an intramural banquet. The focus was for those students who don't play interfaculty sports and are not as involved other "gym

loving" students. EACH TEAM WOULD HAVE BEEN GIVEN AWARDS. The council, however, ran into time constraints and could not accomplish the project.

I would also like to thank the present council for all of their efforts. ML, LF, HM, MH, JC, BW, DH. Thank you. Ibrahim Aboghodieh. VOTE FOR ME.

## Vice-President Administration



As a second year student, residence don, member of the committee for the future health and wellness center, and involved in 7 interfaculty sports, I have a vested interest in ensuring the growth and development of our athletic programs here at UTM. I am a candidate for the position of Vice President Administration and am running to create a louder voice for UTM athletics. This means more home games for all interfaculty teams, free usage of downtown athletic facilities, and an increase in the tournaments offered between campuses. I will endeavor to make this a more significant position, ringing together U of T athletic councils, increasing the quantity and quality of programs offered to students. My name is Gemma Cassidy and I hope to serve you as Vice-President Adminis-

tration and tri-campus liaison in the 2003/2004 year. Thank You.



I am running for Vice-President of the UTM Athletic Council. The position demands commitment, dedication and loyalty. It also entails responsibility, accountability, liability and dependability. I am more than ready to bring these attributes to the council next year. Working in a dynamic, forceful, vibrant and energetic environment, I promise to do whatever it takes to improve your athletic experience here at UTM. I will be seeking to have more tournaments arranged for a broad spectrum of skills. From women-only gym hours to men-only gym hours, your needs will be met. I will not stop my relentless pursuit to bring you happiness, joy, pleasure and cheerfulness. VOTE ANJUM KAU KAB.

VOTE HUDA MOHAMMED for Vice President.

Having previously served on the Council as Public and Commercial Relations officer, I have acquired the necessary experience to take on the position of V.P. In the past year, I have also been involved in increasing women's participation in athletic programs, including those who have special needs.

As V.P. next year I intend to continue to increase participation. My aim is to introduce programs and events for those who may be more reluctant in taking part in anything athletic. I feel that UTMAC

should outreach and promote a healthy and fun lifestyle to students who haven't stepped up to try something new.



So remember to VOTE HUDA MOHAMMED FOR VP if you want experience, outreach, and creativity.

## Director of Women's Interfaculty Affairs



Hey U of T, my name is Jen Sotodeh and I am a running candidate for the 2003 position of Director of Women's Interfaculty Sports. As an avid athlete and a current team member for the Women's Inter-campus basketball team here at Erindale, I undoubtedly believe that I have gained valuable knowledge and training in team oriented relations. Along with my involvement with sports teams, I have also held the position of Assistant Director of Game Operations for the Toronto Raptors at the Air Canada Centre in the 2000-2001 season. Enhancing Women's sports teams is

my main priority, however, I feel that the most important and focal input comes from the students. I, Jen Sotodeh, am determined to provide the best Women's Interfaculty U of T has ever had, and in doing so, I promise to listen, communicate, and act. I believe these are three qualities that are important to the enhancement of our Women's Interfaculty. UTM the ball is in your court!



I am a third year student and I have played interfaculty volleyball since my first year, including this year's new Tri Campus league. I was a rookie on the interfaculty touch football team, and I was captain of UTM's first dragonboat team. I also have played on intramural volleyball and soccer teams. As well as playing sports, this year I coached the division II interfaculty volleyball team. I know my way around the gym and fields here at UTM, at St. George, and at UTSc. I am aware that organization and fairness in sports are very important to many students, and I plan to keep the lines of communication open between coaches, athletes, and conveners. I would also like to increase the amount of participation in the programs, increase the level of skill by holding more S.T.A.R.T. clinics, increase awareness, and increase the spirit at both home and away games. So vote for Robyn Thomas for Women's Director of Interfaculty Affairs!

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# GOVERNING COUNCIL

## CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

Students, Teaching Staff,  
Administrative Staff and Alumni

Co-opted Members for Boards and Committees

Nominations are now open for the following co-opted (non-Governing Council) memberships. The number of places varies from year to year, depending on the committee selections of members of the Governing Council.

### Academic Board

12 students

- 4 full-time undergraduates - Arts and Science
- 2 full-time undergraduates - professional faculties
- 3 part-time undergraduates
- 3 graduate students

2 administrative staff

2 representatives of the alumni

(Co-opted teaching staff places have been filled by election)

The number of seats actually available for each constituency on the following bodies will not be known until the committee assignments of members of Governing Council are determined. The numbers listed below are the seats that may be available.

### University Affairs Board

3 administrative staff

1 representative of the alumni

4 students

1 teaching staff

### Audit Committee

### Business Board

### Committee for Honorary Degrees

Places on the Audit Committee, the Business Board and the Committee for Honorary Degrees are usually filled by members of the Governing Council or by individuals external to the University appointed by a different process. Places have, however, been available in some years.

Persons may be nominated or they may present themselves as candidates. All nominees should submit a letter including an indication of agreement to serve if selected, an indication of the committees or boards in which the nominee is interested, a brief resume and, in the case of student nominees, his/her student number, year, full- or part-time status expected for the 2003-04 academic year, faculty or college (if applicable), telephone number, email address and an address valid till the end of June. Please note that full-time and part-time student nominees must be registered as full- or part-time students in 2003-04 in order to serve. In the case of student nominees for seats on the Academic Board, candidates are required to submit a "campaign" statement of not more than 100 words. This can, of course, be part of their letter.

For the Audit Committee, the Business Board and the Committee for Honorary Degrees, please submit only your name, address, telephone number, email and constituency. You will be notified if places are available and invited at that time to submit biographical information.

Please send nominations to:

Ms Susan Girard  
Governing Council Secretariat  
Room 106 Simcoe Hall  
University of Toronto  
416-978-8428

Deadline for nominations:

Friday, April 18, 2003

For further information, visit the website at:

<http://www.utoronto.ca/govcncl/elections/electioncoop.htm>

The membership of the Governing Council Boards and Committees should reflect the diversity of the University. Nominations are, therefore, encouraged of a wide variety of individuals.

# Waterboyz claim first title; dethrone undermanned Fury

BY "THE COMMISH" JON LEE

After three years we have new division one ball hockey champions, the Waterboyz. After their cup chase since entering the league three years ago, they had fallen short until this year. Acquiring free agents Robi Frankovic, Mikey El-Zoobi, Paolo Caramanico and goalie Paul Costa was like the Red Wings shoring up the holes. With captain J.P. Paluzzi, Eddy Jurinic, Chris Deangelis and top scorers Ray "Tweedledee" Mukaddam and Javis "Tweedledum" Gillingham still in the core, they beat the defending champions Fury, who played without their top goalie Neil Meneses but still played a good game. Captain Mike "The Ace" Acedo led a great team into their fourth consecutive finals with Darryl Sequeira, veteran all-star Bruce Worthington, Mike Sudeyko, Adam Daly, and in net Jay Abbott.

It was close in the first half, with Fury drawing first blood when, on a bad line change, Mike Sudeyko found Mike Acedo on the breakaway and made a great deke beating Costa glove side to make it 1-0 Fury. Boyz captain J.P. Paluzzi responded with a goal from Paolo Caramanico to tie things up. Then on a crazy golf chip shot, Darryl Sequeira gave Fury the one goal lead again. Later in the first half, the Boyz got the tying and go-ahead goals from Paluzzi again on the power play, then Mikey El-Zoobi from Robi Frankovic with just seven seconds to go in the half. The Boyz went into the half with a 3-2 lead.

Then the flood gates opened, as the Boyz shelled Fury's backup goalie Jay Abbott for five straight goals. Frankovic and Chris Deangelis got two of them, and El-Zoobi had two goals, with Paolo Caramanico grabbing the last tally. Fury tried to come

back and inched closer with a goal by captain Acedo from Sudeyko on the powerplay, but the Boyz put the game away with two goals by Frankovic. The celebration was on and new champions were crowned. Congratulations to the Waterboyz and thanks go out to all the division one teams I had the pleasure to witness over my 3 years as the "Commish".

But it's not over yet. There is still one more game to finish up the division two finals. Do not forget to cast your ballot that will be in this week's *Medium*. Check to see who's already in, and vote for three additional forwards and one goalie for each team for each division. The All-Star games occur the week after the playoffs on Tuesday, March 25, with division one at 1PM, the skills contest at 2PM, and the division two game at 3PM. Finally one more article will be out in the following issue, with the Year End Awards and a special piece from yours truly.

### Division Two Championship Game

West #1 Whalers vs East #1 Milkmen

There is nothing like the top two teams going facing each other to prove who is the best and entitled to bragging rights for the next year. Both came off close games and had better bring their "A" game. The Whalers come off their win over the upstart Jets 7-5 on the backs of captain Chris Jackson and Jon Brown, who had three assists and a hat trick respectively. The Whalers also got good contributions from Vince Cheng (1 goal), Jon Slota (1 goal), Matt Spiteri (2 assists) and Paul Sorenson (1 assist). They have to tighten up their defence because otherwise the Jets scored the majority of their goals on odd man rushes, and Jets' Dave Kuszka almost won the

game on his own with his own hat trick. Goalie Matt Carrier cannot carry the load alone and bailed them out a few times last week.

The Milkmen meanwhile cannot get too physical otherwise they risk taking too many penalties. They are the more defensively sound team and got a boost last week from Greg Cullen (2 goals, 2 assists), Greg Clarence, Francesco Coscarelli, and Pablo "Picasso" Petrucci (1 goal each). Their star though was the amazing goaltend-

ing by Nathan Prince. He stopped many quality scoring chances and if he outplays Carrier, like how he kept up with the all-star veteran goalie of HoLoHo, Kevin Spence, then the Milk will be delivered, along with a championship. This is the first appearance for both teams in the championship final.

For my final pick of these playoffs, I have to go with the hotter goaltender but again, I won't rule out a close game that may need overtime.

Pick: Milkmen



Waterboyz celebrate with their championship trophy after a well played game against Fury. photo/Jack Krist

**Men's All-Star Ballot**  
Division One and Two

Please bring your ballot to the Physical Education Office or the Fitstop by 12 noon on Friday, March 21, 2003. Each ballot must include your full name, student number, and every section must be filled in order to be processed. Limit one entry per student.

**DIVISION ONE:**

**Team NORTH**

Goalies  
Starting goalie: Paul Costa ('Boyz)  
On the ballot: (pick one)  
Abbas Husein (Iron Mixedbreed)\_\_\_\_\_  
Chris Steffensen (Mixedbreed)\_\_\_\_\_  
Milan Brankovic (Mixedbreed)\_\_\_\_\_  
Ray Rice (Wildcats)\_\_\_\_\_  
Martin Warych (Wildcats)\_\_\_\_\_

Players  
First line: Ray Mukaddam ('Boyz), Mike Ross (Mixedbreed), Mike Wach (Wildcats) Second line: Javis Gillingham ('Boyz), Ravi Bhardwaj (Wildcats), Robi Frankovich (Waterboyz)  
On the ballot: (pick three)  
Mike McDonald (Mixedbreed)\_\_\_\_\_  
Paul Peca (Mixedbreed)\_\_\_\_\_  
Mikey El-Zoobi (Waterboyz)\_\_\_\_\_  
Eddie Jurinic (Waterboyz)\_\_\_\_\_  
Paolo Caramanico (Waterboyz)\_\_\_\_\_  
Tom Waloszek (Wildcats)\_\_\_\_\_  
Other: \_\_\_\_\_

**Team SOUTH**

Goalies  
Starting goalie: Neil Meneses (Fury)  
On the ballot: (pick one)  
Andrew Rabba (Div 1 Rookies)\_\_\_\_\_  
Mohammed Bilbyn (Div 1 Rookies)\_\_\_\_\_  
Jay Abbott (Fury)\_\_\_\_\_  
James Daily (Upset City)\_\_\_\_\_

Players  
First line: Mike Acedo (Fury), Mike Sudeyko (Fury), Bruce Worthington (Fury)  
Second line: Brandon Balogh (Upset City), Pardeep Nagra (Div 1 Rookies), Kevin Lee (Div 1 Rookies)  
On the ballot: (pick three)  
Bruno Pellegrino (Div 1 Rookies)\_\_\_\_\_  
Steve Freitas (Div 1 Rookies)\_\_\_\_\_  
Adam Daly (Fury)\_\_\_\_\_  
Darryl Sequeira (Fury)\_\_\_\_\_  
Carlos Tamber (Upset City)\_\_\_\_\_  
Roger Musa (Upset City)\_\_\_\_\_  
Other: \_\_\_\_\_

**DIVISION TWO:**

**Team EAST**

Goalies  
Goalies: Kevin Spence (HoLoHo), Oscar Ministric (Red Army)  
Players  
First line: Greg Clarence (Milkmen), Erik Cisarovsky (Flaming Amazons), Jordan LaTorre (HoLoHo)  
Second line: Shazhad Khan (Defiance), Gregg Cullen (Milkmen), Ian Mitchell (Red Army)

On the ballot: (pick three)  
Arin Youssefian (Flaming Amazons)\_\_\_\_\_  
Shahid Amlani (Defiance)\_\_\_\_\_  
Matt Baptista (Milkmen)\_\_\_\_\_  
Justin Sconci (Red Army)\_\_\_\_\_  
Mark Samoszewoski (Red Army)\_\_\_\_\_  
Nick Mandic (Flaming Amazons)\_\_\_\_\_  
Adam Lentini (HoLoHo)\_\_\_\_\_  
Other: \_\_\_\_\_


**Team WEST**

Goalies  
Goalies: Matthew Carrier (Whalers), Chris Pedro (Trailblazers)  
Players  
First line: Dave Kuszka (Jets), Chris Jackson (Whalers), Cory Johnson (Trailblazers)  
Second line: Paul Kuprevicious (Jets), Matt Caobianco (Whalers), Jon Slota (Whalers)  
On the ballot: (pick three)  
Jon Brown (Whalers)\_\_\_\_\_  
Vincent Cheng (Whalers)\_\_\_\_\_  
Mark Hawthorne (Whalers)\_\_\_\_\_  
Glenn House (Trailblazers)\_\_\_\_\_  
James Sporic (Jets)\_\_\_\_\_  
Rafiq Hakim (Free Agents)\_\_\_\_\_  
Other: \_\_\_\_\_

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Student Number: \_\_\_\_\_

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### Women's Only Gym Hours

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